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Pictured is the Kirksville, Mo., Wesley Foundation "Merry-Go-Round" refreshment stand at the end of the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College registration line. Each student, on completion of September enrollment, received refreshments and a booklet describing Wesley Foundation plans for the coming school year.

Later, each Methodist-preference student was invited to Foundation meetings, and Methodist-preference freshmen were visited individually and given orientation issues of *motive* (no CONCERN until motives were uncovered?). There was plenty of ice-cold watermelon at the Foundation's get-acquainted party.

We're sorry we don't know the names of our cover kids, and we're sorry the pennant on the stand doesn't show —it was a red and white design by a Foundation member who attended the Quadrennial Methodist Student Conference at Lawrence, Kans.

Raison d'etre

How do you like the word — the idea — the living — *challenge?*

What do you feel — how do you do — about *faith?*

In these pages, this is as much of a beginning time as the spring season, even though leaves are falling. The school year is newly underway for most Methodist youth, and the fall season brings new jobs and new ventures to most others. CONCERN has started its tenth year.

Each of us is challenged every day by new choices, new responsibilities, new opportunities, in work or game or quiet moment, in friendship or family relationship, with strangers or our own inner selves. We are called upon to identify ourselves, our motives and beliefs and purposes.

Each of us, in quiet thought or moment's inspiration, may come to feel the challenge of the hour and of our whole lives. As an expression of our individual personalities, we seek a long view or an immediate plan. According to the degree of our personal faith, we offer our being, our doing, our meaning to God to follow His will for us and serve his will for others.

Faith is a venture, based on our best thinking about what God is like and what we ought to do, with a complete willingness to accept the outcome, whatever it may be. One with perfect faith does not try to think what he ought to do until he has gone into a quiet place and dedicated his whole self and life to God's will for him, and then he finds his thinking so directed that God's will is revealed.

Our concern, in these pages and in our lives, is to be so receptive to the will of God that there is no question of whether we will recognize what we ought to do.

Perfect willingness, perfect faith, on our part will be more than matched, used, glorified by God. All the seemingly extravagant, unbelievable, hard-to-imagine, "other-world" promises of the Christian inheritance set forth in the Bible become possible and increasingly realized for each of us.

This is our challenge, our faith, our concern.

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UCYM says faith must guide youth

Denouncing the climate which "causes us to fear the issues in social problems with which we should be concerned," representations of the nation's Christian youth recently reaffirmed Christian faith as the guiding principle in meeting the problems faced by the nation today.

Meeting in Williams Bay, Wis., one hundred and fifty representatives from 31 state youth councils of the nation concluded the annual meeting of the general council of the United Christian Youth Movement by taking action on a wide range of social and political issues.

Fears affecting the nation in 1954 they listed as communism and its threats, atomic warfare, individual insecurities, ideological warfare and the fear of fear itself. "We will be guided by our faith and not our fears," the young people declared.

In a series of actions the council condemned both the military training program being proposed to the 84th session of the Congress and also the McCarran Act as "not in keeping with Christian principles and democratic standards."

They also urged that education about the United Nations be intensified in citizenship educational programs in public schools, and went on record as unanimously supporting the Supreme Court decision on segregation.

At the meeting the Movement welcomed to its fellowship the Luther League of America of the United Lutheran Church, a new major denominational member.

Attending the conference in addition to delegates from the U. S. mainland were representatives from Hawaii and fraternal delegates from four continents who had previously attended the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Ill.

Elected chairman of the commissions through which UCYM carries on much of its work, were Frank White of Spartanburg, N. C., Christian Faith; Margaret Platt of Fargo, N. D., Christian Witness; Charles Boyles of Jackson, Miss., Christian Outreach; Barbara Hofmeister of Ackley, Iowa, Christian Fellowship; Methodist Jerry Schleicher, Hanford, Calif., Christian Citizenship.

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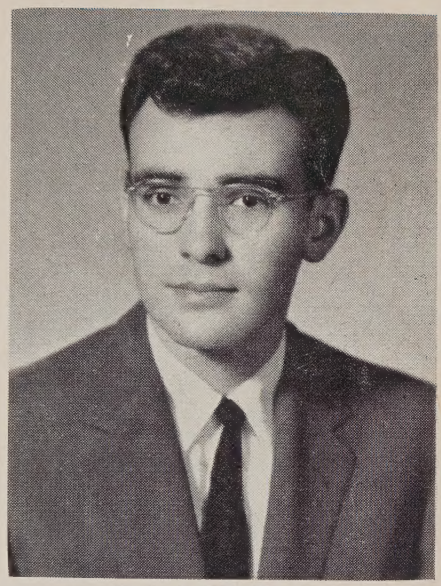


Roderick S. French

Young American heads WCC groups

The first American and also the first under 30 years of age to be appointed chairman of the youth committees of the World Council of Churches and of the World Council of Christian Education is Roderick S. French, 23, of La Grande, Ore., chairman of the United Christian Youth Movement, and a student at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Named vice-chairmen were Lydia Garrido of Manila, P. I., and Jean Meyandorff, Paris, France.

An Episcopalian and a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches, "Rod" headed the youth organizations in his home parish, diocese, and province, and served as president of the National Youth Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In the United Christian Youth Movement he was chairman of the Commission on Christian Faith and headed a special commission to prepare symbols for UCYM use. He was elected UCYM chairman in 1953.

Young Methodists aid in disaster

The shattering earthquake which struck a 50-mile-wide area of Algeria in northern Africa Sept. 9 has been reported to have left more than 1,500 dead, 2,000 injured and 7,000 homeless. Most tragic, perhaps, are the small children who, orphaned by the quakes, are too young to identify themselves and are wandering around in a condition of shock and hunger.

Red Cross societies, governments and Christian churches have answered the call courageously. It is reported that blankets, tents and clothing have been received in large quantities—probably enough for the winter. But there is a need for food. It is estimated this need for relief food supplies will continue for at least three months. Following that, of course, there will be great need for help in the long, expensive task of rebuilding.

James B. Holmes and Franklin Albricias, young representatives of The Methodist Church in North Africa, appointed to act by The Methodist Church and Church World Service, responded with a quick report of the destruction and the most pressing needs. Here is the essence of their preliminary report:

★ Current needs, apart from food, appear to be filled. Tent cities and field hospitals have been set up, an air lift established, and relief supplies now arriving are being distributed.

★ Churches may help best by purchasing or contributing cash toward the purchase of quantities of *semoulle*, the wheat product which is the staple of the Arab diet in that area. Semoulle or cash can be channeled through CWS, Geneva or the two Methodist representatives in northern Africa.

★ Protestants met in Algiers Sept. 14 to discover how their small number could best cooperate with government officials in relief measures.

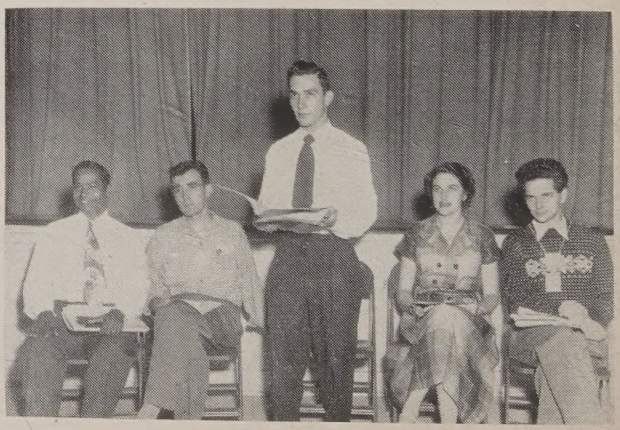
★ Methodists Holmes and Albricias are already directing aid from the French Reformed Church.

Kris Jensen returns to Korea

Sixteen months after his release from three years as a prisoner of the Korean communists, the Rev. Dr. A. Kristian Jensen, Methodist missionary of New Cumberland, Penn., is returning to Korea to begin another term of service under the Methodist Board of Missions in Seoul. Accompanied by Mrs. Jensen, he sailed from San Francisco, Sept. 18.

"The needs over in Korea are so great right now," says Dr. Jensen, "that we have overruled the advice of friends and are going back. There are too few missionaries in Korea to do the job that has to be done. We are eager to be back with our co-workers and friends."

Dr. Jensen was captured on the night of June 25, 1950, in Songdo, Korea, when the communists from the north first marched south into the Republic of Korea. Almost three years later he was released at the "intervention of the Soviet authorities in Moscow."



Jerry Schleicher reports to the General UCYM Council. Others, l-to-r, are Solomon Doraisawmy of India, World's Christian Endeavor; Rod French (see preceding page); Edna McIntyre of Toronto, National Young People's Committee of the Canadian Council of Churches; and Ernst Lange of West Berlin, youth department of the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Until just before his release, most of his friends believed him dead from the rigors of prison life, for nothing had been heard from or concerning him in all that time. Five other Methodist missionaries were captured at the same time, and one died before the others were released.

After four months back in the States, Dr. Jensen returned to South Korea under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation in order to become reacquainted with conditions there. Since his second return he has been engaged in speaking on conditions in Korea in churches across the country.

Honor Dr. Laubach on 70th birthday

Friends and associates gathered at a luncheon in New York last month to honor the man who more than any other in history has been responsible for bringing the gift of literacy to the world's "silent billion."

The occasion was the seventieth birthday anniversary of indefatigable missionary-at-large, minister, educator and one of the world's foremost literacy experts, Dr. Frank Charles Laubach.

Sitting quietly and unassumedly in the place of honor at the head table, Dr. Laubach received greetings from representatives of various organizations with which he has been connected in his work—perhaps best summed up in a telegram received from Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review.

"You are," said Mr. Cousins, "America's one-man Point Four Program . . . one of the noblest human beings of our time. What this world needs is moral literacy and the gift of the compassion. You appeal to the best in us and lead us to the best . . ."

Modestly disclaiming the tributes, Dr. Laubach in his response described himself as "an optimist, because I believe," he said, "that hunger, one of the scourges of the earth, can be removed."

He urged America to use its tremendous potentials to fight world hunger and pointed out that authorities say we can double our food supply every 25 years—faster than any conceivable increase in the world's population.

But mankind, he said, is prevented from doing the things which science enables him to do because not enough of the world's people have the compassion which will direct his energies to solving the problem.

However, Dr. Laubach said he was optimistic on this score also. "We are changing from an era of 'dog eat dog,'" he commented and listed as evidence the fact that cannibalism, once widely practiced in the major portions of the world, has been almost abolished and mankind is fast moving towards the eradication of slavery.

"That which will change the world started on Christmas Day," he stressed, "but we cannot preach Christianity in an illiterate world. Number one priority in building the new world must be given to literacy."

Adult students in French-administered Togoland in West Africa like the abc's study. Small in size by African standards, the relatively rich territory, under United Nations Trust, shows a high percentage of schooling—43,000 children are reported attending classes.

Study facilities for G. I. recreation

Six representatives of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches and the U. S. General Commission on Chaplains are concluding a 20-day tour of the Near East to survey the possibilities of developing additional facilities for off-base leisure time activities for USAF personnel in the area. The trip has covered Japan, Korea and Okinawa.

According to a statement from the office of the Chief of Air Force Chaplains in Washington, the survey has studied ways of developing closer liaison between existing missionary activities and nearby Air Force installations.

The study is part of an overall plan of Air Force Chaplains to encourage agencies in foreign countries to provide Air Force personnel with social and recreational opportunities which will "aid in developing spiritual life and character."

Included in the trip have been visits to two off-base recreation centers for servicemen run by the National Christian Council of Japan. The group will hold a special meeting in Washington, D. C., Oct. 8, to evaluate the trip and make future plans.

American Jews celebrate 300th year

The Jews of America are celebrating the three-hundredth anniversary of their first settlement in this country.

The celebration will last for eight months, with observances planned for some 250 cities where the group has large concentrations of its members.

The first Jewish settlers—23 in all—arrived in New Amsterdam (now New York) in September, 1654, from the Dutch colony in Brazil where for many years they had enjoyed religious and political freedom. But with the conquest of Brazil by the Portuguese those freedoms were denied them and they moved on to the Dutch colony that then flourished in the northern American hemisphere.

Migrant teen-agers see "big city"

A group of 25 teen-age migrant boys and girls—part of the nation's roving army of 2,000,000 migrant farm workers — spent an eye-popping two days in New York City, late in August, exploring the city's sights and wonders.

Highlights of the trip, sponsored by the National Council of Churches' Division of Home Missions, was a Saturday afternoon at Yankee Stadium where the youngsters watched their first major league baseball game as guests of the Yankees.

Arriving Friday from the bean and tomato fields of southern New Jersey, the Negro youths plunged into a busy round that took them to the theater, the Bronx Zoo, Coney Island and a chartered bus tour of Manhattan.

Well-traveled as all of them are, for most it was the first time they had ever seen a sizable city. On their regular travels they are part of the great migrant stream that rolls from south to north to south again in the canvas-covered trucks of farm labor contractors, harvesting crops as they ripen in summer and winter.

The group was accompanied by the Rev. Eugene Tillman, one of the chaplains who serves in the Migrant Ministry, which is carried on in the migrant camps by local church groups in cooperation with the National Council's Division of Home Missions.

Isabella Thoburn college elects principal

Miss Evangeline M. Thillayampalam, one of the leading women educators of India, and the holder of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Columbia University, New York, has been elected principal of Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India.

In this post Dr. Thillayampalam succeeds the late Dr. Sarah Chakko, who had also been one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches.

Currently Dr. Thillayampalam is principal of the noted Lady Doak College in Madura, India.

CONCERN salutes

Editor's note: While part of the population ponder and survey, evade and rationalize, Methodist youth have taken Christian action on racial integration.

North Texas Conference Methodist Youth have pledged themselves to take an active part in leadership toward the abolishment of segregation. Meeting at East Texas State Teachers College the last week in August for their annual summer assembly, the group passed the following resolution:

"We, the North Texas Methodist Youth Assembly, pledge ourselves to take an active part in the leadership toward the abolishment of segregation and will cooperate fully with others trying to follow Christ in this Christian endeavor."

Passed without opposing vote, the resolution was submitted by Cindy Bowser of Dallas on behalf of a group of North Texas Methodist Youth who attended an interracial youth meeting at Mount Sequoyah, Ark., the previous week.

New conference officers include Charles Ray Peters of Pleasant Mound, president; Mabel Harris of Dallas, vice president and publicity chairman, Virginia Jenne of Wichita Falls, secretary; Bob Bush of Greenville, treasurer; Davis Moberly of Sherman, outreach chairman; Carol Ann Clack of Gainesville, faith; Merwin Turner of Friberg, citizenship; Mary Ida Richey of Paris, witness.

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Central Texas Conference Older Youth representatives, meeting at Glen Lake camp Aug. 30-Sept. 4, opened the way for their 1954-55 council to take steps which could possibly make the group's camp interracial by next year.

Bill Thrash of Grandview, a student at Texas Wesleyan college and a member of Polytechnic church, Fort Worth, submitted a recommendation which reads:

"Because of opinions and convictions arrived at during the older youth camp of 1954, and in consideration of our motto, 'Christ Above All,' the members of this camp recommend that the council of 1955 consider the necessary steps to have representatives of other races participating in the activities of next year's camp."

General opinion of the group approving the recommendation was that details of seeking necessary approval from the conference camping committee and extending invitations, if any, for next year's camp will be in the hands of the council. Council members are expected to follow a "go slow" policy.

Other business included the election of the council which includes Bill Hailey of Hillsboro, president; Jimmy Sessions of Gatesville, vice president; Margie Thomas of Ennis, secretary; Angela Boone of Weatherford, worship chairman; and Vema Caraway of Fort Worth, publicity chairman.

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Some 400 delegates attended the third North Carolina Conference MYF Annual Conference Session at Duke University in Durham, N. C., Aug. 16-20. More than 1,200 other youths joined in a final Rally program.

The delegates, representatives of the eastern North Carolina MYF's, mapped out a program with special emphasis in the fields of witness and citizenship.

The group voted to have cooperation with the Central Jurisdiction in its 1955 summer assembly programs, and also passed a resolution commending the Supreme Court, etc., declaring that they as North Carolina young Methodists felt segregation unChristian.

On Rally Day, the throng witnessed the John Wesley film, the installation of new conference and district officers, and the highlights report of ACS. Elected to serve for the 1954-55 term are Belton Joyner, Jr., president (re-elected); Horace Mansfield, vice president; Margaret Beattie, secretary; Jim Long, treasurer; Baker Morgan, publicity chairman. Newly-appointed program area chairmen are Bill Baum, faith; Sarah Hill, witness; Faye Corbett, outreach; Lloyd Bray, fellowship; Marilyn Raper, citizenship.

What's doing

Growing or shrinking?

Well, summer IS over . . . isn't it!

Time to get off the hook and back in "the harness."

School has started . . . Rally Day is just around the corner . . . and a new year in the MYF lies ahead. What is your MYF planning to make of it?

That's the important question which you and your buddies in the MYF have to decide. What will your goals be? What will you accomplish? How much will you grow (as individuals and as a group)?

Some of you were in summer institutes, assemblies or camps where there was a lot of discussion about Youth Emphasis. You may have been among those who were excited that for the first time the whole MYF can report that it is growing instead of shrinking. Eighty annual conferences report a total gain of over 59,000 new youth being reached by the MYF this year over 1953!

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This is the most significant gain in fifteen years! It is headline news. Did your MYF have a hand in that gain? Whether it did or not, it's time to go to work to reach even more young people in the months ahead . . . 500,000 in all is suggested as a reasonable expectation by the Youth Emphasis Advisory Committee.

Where do you start reaching more young people? Well, strange as it may seem, you need to start with your own group who attend Sunday school each week or come to the evening Fellowship meetings. Until your group gets a real concern for the young people who are not in the church there won't be any substantial growth in the MYF.

There are plenty of young people in every community waiting for someone to invite them to the MYF . . . every pool hall, drug store, street corner, and country club has young people who need the fellowship of the MYF. If your group is going to reach them it will have to get a real honest-to-goodness concern for them and a sincere conviction that the church has something to offer them which is better than what they get at the drug store, pool hall, or country club.

There are four ways in which your MYF might increase its reach for young people:

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★ Conserve all Methodist Youth. A bumper crop of juniors is being promoted to the intermediate department in these weeks. Make certain that they are made to feel at home and part of the intermediate MYF. Other young people will be starting their first year out of high school. Help them find a constructive place in a challenging older youth group which will really help them grow. The MYF would reach more youth if every one of those are now in the church could be held in the MYF.

★ Plan and carry out constructive evangelism. Lay your plans carefully and go after the unchurched youth. A new pamphlet, *Here's How to Have a Christian Witness Mission in the Local Church* (2416-C, ten cents, from Service Department, Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee), gives complete information on carrying out such a program.

★ Have a full program for your MYF. Too many churches are content with Sunday activities for the MYF. Some churches don't even offer a program on Sunday evening. Choir, hobby groups, recreation groups, interest groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, are but a few of the activities which challenge and interest young people.

★ Extend the MYF to every church. Many churches do not have separate activities for their young people. This is particularly true on circuit charges

where one pastor is responsible for many churches. However, these groups are finding ways in which an active MYF can meet the needs of youth as laymen take active responsibility for leadership, where activities are centered on other evenings of the week or where the young people of the charge are brought together in a "circuit MYF."

Here is a Four-Point program for your MYF. If you want to extend the MYF to every possible young person in your community, first get concerned . . . pray about it . . . then go to work on this Four-Point program.

—By Harold Ewing

Source of concern

High fidelity

Suppose you or I were buying an instrument to enable us to hear the world's greatest music (and perchance some not so great but fun, anyway, huh?). We live but once on this earth. We want our music full-toned, richly-timbred, and — mmmm, *satisfying*. No thin, pitiful wail (is that why they speak of "strains" of music?). How thrilling when you get the greatest music with high fidelity—disciplined, faithful following of the score and the moving message of the music. Like that fourth movement of Beethoven's Ninth.

Find the theme in that hymn of joyful adoration and brotherhood-aspiration, numbered twelve in the Methodist Hymnal. How would "high fidelity" demand that you sing this? Fidelity, that is, to Him who inspired words and music; to those worshiping with you, and to the Self you could become when illumined with Power. Don't blaspheme it by shaping the words with lips and voice but not meaning with every ounce of mind, heart, and will. Never blaspheme any hymn by announcing it as "number so-and-so." Let its message be made clear; help people *want* to sing it; then suggest where to find it. How would "high fidelity" demand that you prepare and read — and hear — Bible passages in worship? What about "high fidelity" in planning discussion meetings, too—breaking bravely through the encasing shallowness of past poorly-planned meetings; letting the terrific truths on those pages of the literature vibrate mightily in your thoughts, and move you to stern sorrow for past failures, repentance, new purposes and dreams?

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This fall is a frighteningly fateful time—midway youth's growing up, midway the Emphasis, midway the century, midway this historic watershed between war and peace, segregation and non-segregation, etc. And each of us is midway some important personal decisions. Some puzzle about cheating; others about that first little sip of a wrong kind of drink; others about personal morals; some about daily devotions. Will the verdict be — oh, lazy along . . . any old way . . . plan *sometime* to "firm up" but not quite yet . . . never really coming-to-grips and *determining*, taking stands. We're all between two fires: "the banked embers of the cooling star fragment on which we live, and the flaming incandescence of the star we are hitched to."

BOWMAN

What changes can God and I make in my life today, that my witness be "high fidelity?"

—By Clarice Bowman

Thinking out the news

Lindbergh's realism

What is realism in today's world? Brig. Gen. Charles A. Lindbergh, one of the world's most famous aviators, gives his answer in a recent issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*. In an article entitled "Our Best Chance To Survive," he makes the following points:

1. The hydrogen bomb and the supersonic missile have "eliminated defensive security from the face of the earth." (An enemy with just 500 atomic aircraft, he points out, could destroy this country's 100 aircraft atomic bases, if it has that many, and wipe out its 100 most important cities, all in one well-timed surprise attack.)

2. America would not strike without warning, nor would it capitulate to an enemy. The only thing left, then, is to "maintain strength that is as obvious to a potential enemy as it is certain to ourselves." In other words, to frighten off aggression. And, he adds, "a dictator will be discouraged only if we can devastate his own country after the most successful blow he can deliver against us."

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3. To do this we must be willing to make unlimited sacrifices for "essential military strength," placing that demand ahead of "progress" or "previous standards of life." We must have so many military bases over the world that the enemy could not wipe them all out in a "single blow."

4. This, he declared, "is a formidable task, extending into the future as far as we can see."

"Our objective," he concludes, "is the survival of Western civilization . . . There is no longer such a thing as adequate defense. As long as a dangerous enemy exists, our security will lie in the indestructible power to destroy."

Is this realism? Certainly, one must agree, Lindbergh is an authority, and he is trying hard to face facts. We know of no military authority who claims there is an adequate defense against the hydrogen bomb.

One must also agree, we think, that if one uses armed force as a preventive measure against war, this force must be strong enough to put real fear into the hearts of all probable attackers.

Finally, it seems certain, we shall also have to agree that maintaining such a show of strength will require tremendous sacrifices, "extending into the future as far as we can see."

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Yes, this is realism *within the framework of things as they exist today.* It is the "wisdom of the world."

There is, however, one thought that stops us, here: is the realism of "the world" the realism of Christ? Is the Way of the Cross—the Christian's way—realism, or is it not?

If the Way of the Cross—the way of suffering love in the face of evil—cannot be applied to the greatest problems of our time (the problems of "today's world"), what shall we do with that Way?

These are some of the questions Gen. Lindbergh's article raises in our mind.

Although it won't be easy to do, we shall try to answer these questions next time.

—By Claud Nelson, Jr.

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November ROUNDTABLE offers special help

Want some help on your fall action project planning?

The November *Roundtable* has been put together especially for you and your group, and extra issues will be available to groups who do not now receive it.

For your free single copy, which also contains a Thanksgiving service designed for the MYF to sponsor for the whole congregation, write to Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

TEM Press new for alcohol information

TEM Press, new service agency of the Methodist Board of Temperance, offers a new catalogue of temperance materials—films, plays, leaflets, books—for alcohol education purposes.

Single copies of the catalogue and sample packets of materials are free from the Methodist Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

MCOR offers refugee information

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has announced publication of a new folder and poster on refugee resettlement. Both the folder, "They Escaped But . . .," and the poster, "Will They Reach Freedom's Shore?" will be available in quantity to church groups.

An article by Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, secretary of promotion of MCOR's Refugee Resettlement Program, urges churches to investigate the possibility of providing sponsors for the program. Approximately 2,500 sponsors will be needed to take care of the 5,000 refugees which MCOR hopes to bring into the United States under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Copies of the new literature and general information concerning sponsorship may be received by writing Miss Lee in care of The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

Friends of CONCERN

Two special notes for this little heading this time—one reports that the Detroit Conference Youth Assembly held June 26-July 3 at Camp Michigamme, Mich., is 100% CONCERN-ed, thanks to district presidents of the Detroit Conference who served as CONCERN representatives.

The other note is from Barbara Eskew, NCMY Council member who sent in names of 134 would-be CONCERN readers sometime back. She and a buddy signed up 100% of the Second Senior Week fellows and girls in a St. Louis Conference camp—a fine concernedness by all concerned, we'd say!

Other friends:

Ken Hatt, Arizona	14
Calvin Christian, Montana	51
Martha Anne Kennedy, N. C.	5
Bob Trost, Illinois	23
James Egan, Oklahoma	7
Ann Wafford, North Carolina	15
Leland Carden, Jr., Tennessee	5
Jay Koonce, Louisiana	7
Gary May, Colorado	20
Don Boyd, Texas	19
Charles Brockwell, S. C.	5
Calvin Rice, Iowa	10
Kay Smith, Iowa	25
Barbara White, Iowa	20
Connie Clendenin, Texas	21
Lloyd Bray, North Carolina	71
Ed Stack, New York	20
Marietta Bundy, Washington	54
Donald Ford, D. C.	13
Roberta Horton, New York	20
Dave McClard, Oregon	36
Judy Hey, Massachusetts	7
Judy Harper, Iowa	8
Stella T. Hazzard, Maryland	5
Larry Young, Kansas	5
Carolyn Dorrance, Michigan	10
Betty Robinson, Missouri	10
Nancy Carol Secrest, Arkansas	8
Jimmy Owens, Florida	5
Nila Thrailkill, Iowa	8
Marilyn J. Clark, Illinois	32
Janet Cordes, California	10

Fellowship teams train in Denver

A training conference for Traveling Fellowship Teams, recommended by NCMY as part of the Youth Emphasis, will be conducted Oct. 8, 9, and 10 in Denver with Glenn Mingledorff, national Emphasis chairman, in charge.

The technique has been practised twice before—in North Iowa and New England—and now is being studied in the Eastern Slope, Colorado Conference, for immediate application there.

Iliff School of Theology and Denver Methodist youth will be hosts for the training sessions, which are to coach high school youth in working in local churches in program study, problem solving and "MYF powering." Each sub-district has been asked to send four youth and one adult to the sessions.

Devotion to Christ and His church "enough for them to sacrifice other things to be visiting other MYF Councils" and leadership ability for enthusiasm are qualities required of the young people who will become Traveling Fellowship Teams. The teams will serve somewhat as a Caravan group on a short-term basis, holding planning sessions with every local MYF.

Texas district pledges $3,500

Youth of the Dallas Southwest District pledged more than $3,500 to MYFund at their August meeting. Approximately 350 young people from 27 churches crowded Pleasant Mound church for the meeting.

MYF in action

At the closing worship service, one representative from each church knelt at the altar, leaving that church's MYFund pledge card. With cards received from 24 churches, the total pledge was $3,593.73, as compared with $1,000 last year from the district.

The large increase in pledges is attributed to the fact that most local MYF's took personal pledges from their members this year rather than taking a small amount from the treasury.

Now district MYF leaders are campaigning to get the pledges paid by June 1. Ed Sanders of Grand Prairie is president, Leon Hallman of Dallas is outreach chairman, and the Rev. Baxton Bryant of Duncanville is youth work director. Also helping in the MYFund promotion was Mrs. Russell Smith, youth work secretary for the WSCS.

MYF "round-up" Texas style

Members at New London, Henderson, Overton, Fair Chapel, Laird Hill and Pirtle "went Texas" to honor the caravan team visiting New London. Every person who had attended or visited their MYF's was invited by visitation or telephone.

The "dude ranchers" (caravaners) were greeted by "blazing guns." Some "cow pokes" had their "local MYF brand" burned on their leather name tags. All "ranch hands" responded to

Looks like a Texas "wagon wheel of friendship" all right, doesn't it? MYFers gathered at New London and symbolized the wheel which "can only run smoothly with all the spokes and an unbroken rim." Six groups participated to honor the caravan team visiting the New London community.

the call for a "covered dish" supper, prepared partially on a "range" by "old settlers." After sunset, the "old ranger" led western songs, and many of the "cow boys and cow girls" led the group in folk games in the "corral." Later some of the "cow pokes" dramatized the "great stage coach and bank robberies." A worship service around the "campfire" brought to a close unforgettable Christian fellowship.

MYF Roundup

◆ The Boston Area Leadership Training School held this year at Camp Aldersgate in North Scituate, R. I., was the largest in its ten-year history, with more than 70 students and 20 faculty. Participating were young people and adults from the Maine, New Hampshire, New England and New England Southern conferences.

Of special interest was the visit of Emil John of Providence, R. I., who is entering a special three-year term of missionary service in Austria.

◆ Trinity Church in Waco, Texas, decided in mid-summer to rejuvenate its youth program. Hired a youth director, got together a home-grown caravan from Waco and nearby, and put on a rousing Youth week, Aug. 22-26. A total of 95 and an average of 65 participated each evening in supper, singspiration, buzz sessions, recreation and worship.

New youth director at Trinity and member of the caravan was Mary Ann Maloney. Other caravaners were Bill Hailey and Virginia Hailey of Hillsboro and Shirley Wittman of Waco. The Rev. Gilbert Ferrell, newly-appointed pastor of Trinity, served as counselor.

◆ The second Christian Witness Mission in the Virginia Conference was conducted this summer in Reveille and Trinity churches, with 16 young people securing 33 decisions.

◆ MYF officers and adult leaders on all levels in the Elmira (N.Y.) District made good use of conference and district youth delegates who attended the Northeastern Regional Youth Leadership Workshop at Lycoming College in July. The Elmira district had a big officers' training conference at the Horseheads Church last Sunday with workshop delegates as leaders and resource persons. Officers of the conference MYF council and of the Geneva and Syracuse districts MYF councils also met with the group. Glenn Mingledorff of the national youth department was chief question-answerer in discussion of the Youth Emphasis.

◆ Three members of the Orofino, Idaho, MYF, and their pastor, the Rev. L. Marshall Campbell, completed a tour of Methodist benevolent institutions in the Pacific Northwest the last week in August. Visits were made at a hospital, a children's home, a new retired persons' home, the College of Puget Sound, Goodwill Industries, the area bookstore, two student centers, and two city settlement centers. Overnight stops were made in Spokane, Seattle, and Portland.

The tour was climaxed with a visit in the office of Bishop A. Raymond Grant, of the Portland Area.

This was the scene for the closing consecration service during the Waco, Texas, Youth Week. Attendance in the youth division almost doubled during the month of preparation, and 95 young people participated in the week's activities.

Seven from MSM at Oxford assembly

The 120 student leaders who attended the eleventh General Assembly of the United Student Christian Council in September are beginning "at-home" study of vital recommendations and statement of purpose adopted in the Oxford, Ohio, meetings.

The full Methodist quota—seven students, two field counselors and two national student work staff members—were in attendance the full five days, as well as NCMY President Richard Thompson, who represented the United Christian Youth Movement.

Methodist student representatives were William Gaiser of Pennsylvania, chairman of the National Student Commission of the Methodist Student Movement, B. J. Stiles, Richard Deats and Gene Marshall of Texas, Mary Ann Meadows of Georgia, Robert Gebhart of Florida and Ed White of Oklahoma. Miss Margaret Barnhart of Miami University at Oxford and Miss Liz Willis of Purdue University were field counselors, and national staff members (three splitting the schedule for two representations) were Dr. Hiel D. Bollinger, Dr. Harvey Brown and the Rev. Richard Bender.

Herluf Jensen, who has been in graduate work in Chicago, was chosen new executive secretary to succeed Dr. Ruth Wick, who becomes a member of the faculty at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

The USC Council, the related student movement of the National Council of Churches, included representatives of 13 of the nations' major Protestant student organizations.

MSM in action

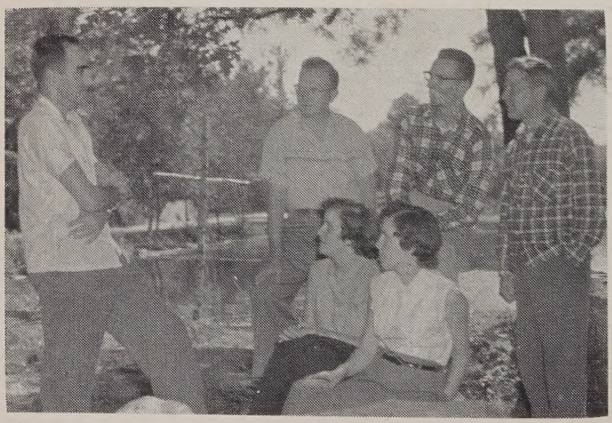
Wisconsin frosh get special challenge

Wesley Fellowship activities and plans at River Falls State College, Wisc., have been well-covered for freshmen at the college in a special issue of the "Campus Christian's Challenge."

The up-to-Thanksgiving schedule includes Fellowship discussion groups, picnics, ping-pong and shuffleboard tournaments, membership training programs, and introduction of speakers from Lutheran, Catholic and Jewish leadership.

Dick Yeagley, state MSM Advisor, will be the speaker for Fellowship planning retreat this coming Sunday evening at the Hudson "Y" camp.

The special issue of the "Challenge" gives the new students a warm welcome to the college Sunday school class taught by Fellowship Advisor Louis Danniels, as well as to other Christian groups at the college. There also is a floor plan drawing showing the incoming students how the Methodist church near the campus is being remodeled, including the space used by the Fellowship.



Leadership at the Boston Area training school included Emil John, Argyle Knight, Al Patriquin and Robert Drew, standing, and Hazel Gray and Judy Chase, seated. Others were Charles X. Hutchinson, Norwich district superintendent, and Miss Daulette Pestonji, Methodist student from India.

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To CONCERN:

We are interested in an important legal case which is now before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

It involves a Methodist conscientious objector named Roy Butgereit from Fairhope, Ala., who has been more closely associated with the Quakers in recent years but still has his membership in our church.

The enclosed material will give you the essential facts on the case which we believe is an important one. It involves questions of conscientious objection, civil liberties, and rights of citizenship.

The Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors in Philadelphia, supported largely by the Friends and other pacifist groups, is handling the case and has guaranteed the legal expenses which will run in the neighborhood of $1,000 provided no appeal beyond the Board (see below) is necessary.

The CCCO has to find this money outside of its regular budget and has asked what Methodist sources might be of help . . . I hope that you are able to do something to get support for this case . . . .

(From additional material:)

Roy Butgereit, a citizen by birth in this country, left New Orleans for the Quaker settlement in Costa Rica Oct. 31, 1950, his eighteenth birthday anniversary, without registering for the draft.

In November of 1952 he complied with the Presidential Proclamation and registered at the American consulate in Costa Rica. He returned to this country in October, 1953, and properly and promptly filed the special form for conscientious objectors with his home draft board.

He was classified 1-A instead of 1-0 as requested, and appealed to the Alabama State Appeal Board. To date that appeal is still pending.

In February, 1954, the Immigration Service, acting under the McCarran-Walter Act—the new Immigration and Nationality Act which became law in December, 1953—called Butgereit into its Mobile office and charged him with leaving the country to avoid conscription. One section of the Act provides for the loss of citizenship of anyone—native-born or naturalized—who leaves this country to avoid military duty.

The Immigration Service now holds that he has expatriated himself under the Act and that his return home constituted illegal entry into this country as an alien without a proper visa.

The case is a precedent not only because a C. O. is involved but also for the section of the Act taking away the citizenship of a native-born citizen. Only the Federal Courts can solve the constitutional questions involved.

The CCCO has retained Oliver Stone of Washington, a specialist in immigration law, as staff counsel for the defense of Butgereit.

In a decision issued July 1, Fred P. McCleskey, special inquiry officer for the Mobile office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, concluded that Butgereit left this country to evade the draft, and ordered him deported. McCleskey referred to him throughout the hearing as an alien, giving as the first finding of "fact" that "the respondent is an alien, a native of the United States, presently stateless."

On Aug. 26, Stone presented oral argument before the Board of Immigration Appeals requesting that deportation proceedings be terminated, and a brief was filed pointing out that Butgereit did not leave the country to evade duty under the draft law and that as a C. O. the question of military duty would not be involved anyway. The brief argued that his temporary departure did not amount to expatriation.

Decisions on such appeals as Stone made are usually announced in about four to six weeks. If the decision is adverse, the case will be taken to court.

At no time have the Department of State or the Selective Service System charged Butgereit with violation of the draft law.

(Signed) Herman Will, Jr.

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